

DOCUMENTS CASE PROBED BY CIA

Exposed Data Reported In
CIVILIAN Of Employee

Washington, Aug. 2 (AP) — The Central Intelligence Agency said today it is investigating "the presence of exposed classified documents" in the Washington home of one of its employees, identified as Hans Tofte.

The CIA spokesman also said the agency is cooperating with Washington police authorities in an investigation of a report by Tofte that some jewelry belonging to his wife was missing from his home.

A Minneapolis Tribune story by Clark Mollenhoff said some \$20,000 worth of jewelry was reported missing from Tofte's home after some other CIA spokesman had been there.

Spokesman Quoted

Asked about this, a CIA spokesman said:

"Mr. Hans Tofte, an employee of this agency, had sometime ago listed his home at 1667 Thirty-fifth street N.W., Washington, D.C., for sale by the J.C. Chatel Realty Company. The realty company arranged for Mr. Kenneth R. Slocum, 2911 P street N.W., also an employee of this agency, to see this property.

"Mr. Slocum was not aware of Mr. Tofte's agency affiliation at the time he visited the property in company with his wife and as a private individual on Saturday, the 23d of July, he was shown through the residence by Mr. Tofte's mother-in-law through arrangements made by the realty company.

Violation Charged

"During the course of the visit, Mr. Slocum noticed by chance classified agency material in one of the rooms being shown and reported this promptly to agency security officials.

"Since the presence of exposed classified documents in a private home constitutes a violation of agency security regulations, Mr. and Mrs. Slocum and Mrs.

Charles D. Speake, 4570 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W., a security representative of this agency, returned to the residence on Sunday, 24 July.

"They were again admitted by Mr. Tofte's mother-in-law and took custody of the classified material.

"Subsequently, Mr. Tofte advised a security official of this agency that some jewelry belonging to his wife was missing. He was encouraged to report this immediately to the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, which we understand is now investigating the reported loss.

"The agency is cooperating fully with the authorities of the Seventh precinct in this investigation."

The CIA spokesman said that Tofte was away at the time the classified material was found in his home, and was notified about this immediately upon his return late July 24.

Slocum declined comment.

At the Seventh precinct, in the Georgetown area in which Tofte's home is located, police officials said Mrs. Tofte reported some \$19,000 in jewels and some manuscripts she could not identify were taken. They said a check of pawn shops had not yet produced any sign of the valuables. Originally Mrs. Tofte had estimated \$29,000 worth of jewelry missing but revised this downward after finding some of the items at the jeweler's for repairs, they said.